

1       Amendment to the claims:

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3           Claims 1-14 (canceled)

4           Claims 15-21 (withdrawn)

5           Claim 22 (new) A holster for handguns having a barrel and a trigger guard in which the handguns  
6 are held by the trigger guard comprising:

7           a tubular assembly comprising: an elongated first structure that functions as a left side wall having  
8 an outer surface, an inner surface and a top end; an elongated second structure functions as a right side  
9 wall having an outer surface, an inner surface and a top end; an elongated third structure that functions as a  
10 front wall having an outer surface, an inner surface and a top end; and a fourth structure that functions as a  
11 an elongated rear wall having an outer surface, an inner surface and a top end;

12           said top end of said fourth structure being downwardly displaced from said top end of said first  
13 structure and said top end of said second structure to form a recess for capturing a trigger guard of a  
14 handgun;

15           an elongated retention pin having an inner end, an outer end, surrounding side walls extending from  
16 said inner end to said outer end and a longitudinally extending X-axis; and

17           means for supporting said retention pin and reciprocally moving said retention pin into said recess  
18 for capturing a trigger guard of a handgun therein and preventing removal therefrom; said means  
19 comprising a sliding actuator having a longitudinally extending Y-axis; said sliding actuator being  
20 mechanically interfaced with said retention pin in such a manner as to allow said retention pin to be  
21 withdrawn from a handgun trigger guard when it is positioned in said recess by pushing said sliding  
22 actuator along said Y-axis that is substantially perpendicular to said X-axis of said retention pin.

23           23 (new) A holster for handguns as recited in claim 22 wherein said sliding actuator is wedge-  
24 shaped.

25           24 (new) A holster for handguns as recited in claim 22 further comprising first spring means  
26 contacting said retention pin and spring loading said retention pin in the direction for capturing a handgun  
27 trigger guard when it is positioned in said recess.

28           25 (new) A holster for handguns as recited in claim 22 wherein said inner end of said retention  
29 pin is beveled toward said top end of said holster.

1           26 (new) A holster for handguns as recited in claim 22 wherein said sliding actuator has a tapered  
2 fork configuration.

3           27 (new) A holster for handguns as recited in claim 22 further comprising first safety lock means  
4 that prevents sliding movement of said sliding actuator until said first safety lock means is disengaged.

5           28 (new) A holster for handguns as recited in claim 27 wherein said first safety lock means  
6 comprises a sliding mechanism that must first be moved before said sliding actuator can be pushed.

7           29 (new) A holster for handguns as recited in claim 27 further comprising remote means for  
8 releasing said first safety lock means.

9           30 (new) A holster for handguns as recited in claim 27 wherein said first safety lock means further  
10 comprises means for identifying the authorized user of said holster.

11          31 (new) A holster for handguns as recited in claim 22 further comprising an elongated safety  
12 strap having a first end and a second end and both of said ends are pivotally secured to opposite lateral side  
13 walls of said holster; said safety strap being pivotal from a first security position which inhibits removal of  
14 a handgun from said holster, to a second position substantially free of the handgun thus allowing the  
15 handgun to be withdrawn from said holster.

16          32 (new) A holster for handguns as recited in claim 31 further comprising means for actuating  
17 pivotal motion of said safety strap.

18          33 (new) A holster for handguns as recited in claim 22 further comprising an elongated safety  
19 strap having a first end and a second end and both of said ends having snap fastener means securing them  
20 to opposite sides of said holster to inhibit removal of a handgun from said holster.

21          34 (new) A holster for handguns as recited in claim 33 further comprising a formed releasing  
22 element shaped to release at least one of said snap fastener means using a generally downward motion of  
23 user's hand.

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